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Remission of assessment on flood-affected double-crop lands.

*56 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to refer to his answer to question No. 568 (2) given on 10th October 1924 in which reference is made to the answer to question No. 887 given on 3rd April 1924 and state up to what extent and on what principle Government have granted remission of taxation in case of double-crop wet lands on which the first crop was destroyed by floods and only second wet crop was raised?

A.—No remission was granted in the case of double-crop lands in the South Kanara district on which the first crop was destroyed by the floods of 1923 but a second crop was raised.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“ May I know whether the Government have decided to grant no remissions ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“ I understand the question relates to the last fasli. The Government do not wish to do anything further than what has already been done.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—“ What has been done already ? There was a definite request from Mr. Hegde and the late Revenue Member, the Raja of Kollengode, promised to inquire into the matter and the reduction proposed was to the extent of two-thirds. I want to know what has been done and what is proposed to be done by the Government ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“ The answer states that no remission was granted and the Government do not propose to grant any such remission.”

Alleged distress warrants for recovery of survey fees in Tanjore town.

*57 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether under the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act IV of 1887 distress warrants for attachment of properties have been quite recently issued on a large scale for alleged survey fees due within the Tanjore town ;

(b) whether the first and the only intimation that the party gets is when the Revenue officer walks into his house and demands money and threatens distress and no details are given as to how and when the liability arose ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to see that notice is given to the parties before any further steps are taken ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

(b) No.

(c) Section 8 of the Survey and Boundaries Act VIII of 1923 provides for the issue of such notices.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ Will the Government be pleased to lay the report on the table of the House ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“ That will be considered when the report is received.”